allocation is likely to improve the availability of edible oils for the consumers. Besides stock limits of edible oilseeds and edible oils to be held by various categories of traders have been reduced to avoid the chances of hoarding. Further the minimum margins on bank advances against oilseeds and vegetable oils have been raised. States have also been advised to gear up their enforcement machinery to discipline the trade. These steps taken by the Government are likely to be effective in curbing the rising trend of prices of edible oils.

Increase in the rate of penalties for travel without tickets

*68. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have decided to charge Rs. 50 from passengers travelling without tickets instead of Rs. 10 from July, 1990; and

(b) whether it would act as a deterrent for passengers who travel without tickets and whether any enforcement machinery has been geared up to enforce this rule?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) The Railways Act, 1989 effective from 1.7.90 stipulates a minimum excess charge of Rs. 50/- as against Rs. 10/- in the old Act.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Approval to the projects on Rural Water Supply Programme in A.P.

*69. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the projects reports regarding Rural Water Supply Programmes from the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when administrative approval would be given to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTRUE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) since 1977-78 this Department has sanctioned schemes with an estimated cost of Rs. 294.70 crores covering 12143 problem villages/ habitations.

Under the Mini Mission, projects of Kurnool, Mahboobnagar and East Godavari districts were approved and a total of Rs. 678.50 lakh released.

Three projects for Anantapur, Nalgonda and Kanigiri area of Prakasam districts have been technically cleaned and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs for posing to the bilateral agencies amounting to Rs. 94.88 crores. Another project for Rayachoty area in Cuddapah district which relates to urban water supply had been sent back to the State Government who have posed it to Ministry of Urban Development. Projects for Krishna district have been approved for an amount of Rs. 9.22 crores and sent to State Government for modification as suggested by bilateral agencies. Projects in Cuddapah district for Rs. 1.36 crores have been withdrawn by State Government. The project of Uddanam area in Srikakulam district for Rs. 6.90 crores is being modified by State Government for placing before bilateral agencies.

Government of India has also received 489 Rural Water Supply schemes costing Rs. 48.94 crores for covering 1229 problem villages affected by excess fluoride and brackishness. These schemes are under examination.

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*70. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि अनुसूचित जाति / अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग का गठन कब तक किए जाने की संभावना है और इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

श्रम एवं कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338 के अंतर्गत राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग अतिशीघ्र गठित किया जाएगा।

Revision of Sugar Policy

*71. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a revised policy for the sugar Industry to increase the production of sugar without keeping sugarcane growers at the mercy of the sugar mills; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed proposals and incentives to be given to the sugarcane growers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The existing policy already provides incentives for larger sugar production while ensuring protection of sugarcane growers interests.

(b) The policy, are recently modified in certain respects, has the following major ingredients:

(i) liberalised licensing;

(ii) announcement of a statutory minimum price for sugarcane;

(iii) incentives for early and late crushing ;

(iv) assistance for supply of good seed of higher yielding varieties; and

(v) support for modernisation and capacity expansion at existing factories.

New Schemes for Agro-Forestry

*72. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new schemes for development of agro-forestry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Review of the list of Essential Commodities

*73. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the list of essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The list of items declared as 'essential' under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 has been reviewed by the Government recently leading to a decision to delete the following items:—

(1) Cycle tyres and tubes (including cycle rickshaw tyres and tubes).